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TAGS: PDIP VN US FR
SUBJ: AMERICAN YACHT BRILLIG

REF: STATE 250137

1. EMBOFF SAW SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH AT 1000 OCT 19 AND TOLD HIM OF THE US REQUEST TO THE GOF TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE SRV TO VISIT THE THREE DETAINED AMERICANS FROM THE YACHT BRILLIG TO ASCERTAIN THEIR STATE OF HEALTH AND ANY POSSIBLE NEEDS. DO THANH NOTED THAT FRANCE WAS NOT A POWER ENTITLED TO PROTECT US INTERESTS, AND EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A HUMANITARIAN AFFAIR. DO THANH SAID HE WOULD INFORM HANOI IMMEDIATELY (IT WAS THEN 4:00 P.M. HANOI TIME) SO THAT HANOI COULD EXPECT A FRENCH APPROACH PERHAPS DURING THE DAY OF OCT 20.

2. EMBOFF THEN CONTACTED CHAYET, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, WHO SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND INSTRUCTIONS THIS EVENING
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TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN HANOI TO APPROACH THE SRV MFA DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCT 20. CHAYET SAID HE WOULD INFORM US AS SOON AS THEY HAVE RECEIVED EVEN A TENTATIVE REACTION FROM THE SRV MFA. CHAYET THOUGHT THAT WITH THE EMPHASIS ON HUMANITARIAN INTEREST AND A LIMITED APPROACH CONCERNING HEALTH, SRV MIGHT GIVE PERMISSION TO MAKE A CONTACT WHICH COULD LATER BE OF

BROADER USE.

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